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A NEW ORLEANS MAN SENTENCED TO SEVENTY YEARS FOR FEDERAL CAR JACKING AND GUN VIOLATIONS

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - Jim Letten, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Mark Chait, Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced that on Wednesday, January 25, 2006, **LOVELLE LANG** was sentenced to a collective sentence of eight hundred and forty-seven months (847) months in federal prison for one count of conspiracy to commit car jacking, one count of conspiracy to discharge firearms in a crime of violence, three counts of car jacking, one count of carrying a firearm in a crime of violence, two counts of discharging a firearm in a crime of violence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon by U. S. District Judge Kurt

Engelhardt. **LANG** was also ordered to pay approximately \$70,558.00 in restitution, and to serve five (5) years of supervised release upon release from imprisonment.

LANG, a 29-year-old New Orleans resident, was convicted by a jury on March 14, 2005, for conspiracy, car jacking and violations of the Federal Gun Control Act. "This is a victory for all residents of the metropolitan area of New Orleans," stated U. S. Attorney Jim Letten. "The federal agencies combating violence along with my office are working to keep the violent criminal behind bars for a long time," added Letten.

Witnesses at trial testified that **LANG** and others went on several crime sprees consisting of car jackings, and shootings that left several victims permanently maimed both physically and emotionally. ATF Special Agent Mark Chait stated, "This sentencing of **LOVELLE LANG** is the direct result of the unwavering commitment by ATF and our law enforcement partners to reduce violent crime. We will continue to aggressively pursue and bring to justice those who attempt to terrorize our communities."

This case was investigated by Special Agent Susan Pecora of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Nils Kessler, Mark Miller and Abram McGull, II.

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